Introduced by Senator Scott

January 14, 2004

An act to add Section 4830.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary medicine. An act to amend Section 20209.14 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1130, as amended, Scott. Veterinary prescriptions: disclosure to owner Public contracts: transit design-build contracts.

Existing law authorizes transit operators to enter into a design-build contract, as defined, according to specified procedures. A transit operator that uses the design-build process is required to report to the Legislative Analyst before December 1, 2005, on each public works projected procured through the design-build process and completed on or before November 1, 2005. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2005.

This bill would instead repeal these provisions on January 1, 2007. Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of veterinarians by the Veterinary Medical Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes a veterinarian to prescribe drugs or medicines for animals in the course of his or her practice. A violation of the act is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require a veterinarian to offer a copy of any prescription for pet medication to the pet owner at the time of prescription. Because a violation of the bill would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

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The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes no. State-mandated local program: yes no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 4830.6 is added to the Business and 1 2 Professions Code, to read:
 - 4830.6. A veterinarian shall offer, at the time of prescription, to provide a pet owner with a copy of any prescription for medication prescribed for his or her pet.
- SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to 6 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because 7 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school 8 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within 12
- the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California 13 14
- Constitution.
- SECTION 1. Section 20209.14 of the Public Contract Code is 15 amended to read: 16
- 17 20209.14. This article shall remain in effect only until January
- 1, 2005 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
- statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends
- 20 that date.

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